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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED UNITED STATES PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
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II. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
AL	0 987 868	Europe	March 22, 2000
AM	0 278 472	Europe	August 17, 1988
AN	W0 00/56024	PCT	September 21, 2000

III. OTHER PRIOR ART-NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

None

IV. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AL, AM and AN were cited in the European Search Report of July 5, 2001 in counterpart European Patent Application No: 00128213.6. A copy of the European Search report is submitted herewith.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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